



# About the Manual

## Nevada's FY 2010 Recreational Trails Program Grants Manual

The Recreational Trails Grants Manual provides information to project sponsors about requirements of the Recreational Trails Program. Detailed information about purchasing requirements and procedures, requesting reimbursements, federal requirements, and answers to many general questions can be found in the RecTrails Grants Manual. Since some requirements may change from year to year, be certain to refer to the most recent version of the grants manual for current program requirements.

### PREFACE

The Safe, Affordable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity, Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was signed into law in 2005, continuing the National Recreational Trails Program (RecTrails). This Program provides for the allocation of federal gas taxes paid on non-highway recreation fuel use and is administered by the Federal Highway Administration. SAFETEA-LU replaces the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) and the original Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), which provided similar funding from 1992-2005.

Among the requirements of SAFETEA-LU is a required matching share from a project sponsor. In Nevada the AD Hoc Nevada State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee voted to require a 20% matching share and 80% federal grant share for non-motorized grants. And a matching share of 5% and federal grant share of 95% for motorized Grants. The matching share may include volunteer labor, in-kind services, cash and the donation of private funds, materials, and services at fair market value. Under TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU, even federal funds can be used toward the 20% matching share; the total federal share cannot exceed 95% of the total project cost.

**SAFETEA-LU is continuing as part of a continuing resolution for programs that Congress has not approved in the 2010 budget. New for 2010, non-motorize grant cap has been raised to \$200,000. The motorized cap has been removed (grant requests may not exceed the federal allocation). Pre-applications are being required for all requests except education and interpretation grants.**

The establishment of the original Symms National Recreational Trails Fund in 1991, the subsequent RecTrails program under TEA-21 in 1998; SAFETEA-LU in 2005 and the availability of federal funds for trails and trails-related projects resulted in the establishment of a Nevada Recreational Trails Program. Federal requirements mandate that a maximum of 7% of the state's allocation may be used by the state to administer the program, and a maximum of 5% may be used for educational projects.

Of the 88% remaining for trail project allocations, the state must use a minimum of 40% for motorized projects, a minimum of 30% for diversified or multiple use projects, and the remaining 30% for non-motorized projects as follows:

Category 1 – Non-motorized single use projects (e.g., pedestrian only).

Category 2 – Non-motorized diversified projects (e.g., pedestrian and bicycle).

Category 3 - Diversified motorized and non-motorized uses (e.g., summer equestrian and winter snowmobile uses).

Category 4 - Motorized single use projects (e.g., snowmobile only).

Category 5 - Motorized diversified use projects (e.g., summer ATV and winter snowmobile uses).

Category 6 – Educational / Interpretive development for trail use.

Projects in categories 1 and 2 count toward the 30% non-motorized minimum. Projects in categories 4 and 5 count toward the 40% motorized minimum. Projects in categories 2, 3 and 5 count toward the 30% diversified minimum.

This manual will describe administrative procedures that have been developed for these federal trail funds by the Nevada Division of State Parks. These funds are available for a variety of trails and trails-related projects throughout Nevada.

This edition, Nevada's FY 2010 Recreational Trails Program Grants Manual, was revised to reflect the most recent Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Recreational Trails Program Interim Guidance issued 1 April 1999. This edition is effective for the FY 2009 funding cycle. The Ad Hoc Nevada State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives of a variety of trails user groups, public land managers, and state and local governments from throughout Nevada, reviewed and commented on the draft of this manual. Comments provided by the Committee were used to complete the revisions.

Questions concerning this manual, the procedures described herein, and any other questions pertaining to the Nevada Recreational Trails program should be directed to the current Recreational Trails Program Manager at:

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